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Applicant : Romine, et al.  
Appl. No. : 09/713,479  
Filed : November 15, 2000  
For : SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR  
QUIESCING SELECT DATA  
MODIFICATION OPERATIONS  
AGAINST AN OBJECT OF A  
DATABASE DURING ONE OR  
MORE STRUCTURAL  
OPERATIONS  
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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In order to prepare for the upcoming interview scheduled on June 16, 2004 at 1:30 p.m., the Examiner has requested that we submit an agenda regarding the matters to be discussed.

In brief, we plan on discussing the differences between the cited references and embodiments of the invention. In particular, we plan on discussing how U.S. Patent No. 6,088,732 to Smith et al. (the "Smith patent") does not describe the process of gracefully degrading the performance of a client/server application.

We look forward to conducting the interview. In addition, William Romine, a software developer that works for the assignee, Quest Software, plans on attending the interview. If you have any other questions, please call me at 949-721-2998.

Respectfully submitted,

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